

## CYNGOR CYMUNED CILYCWMM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the meeting held at Cilycwm School on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013

**Present** : Councillors Ivor Williams, , Arwel Davies, Eurwyn Lewis, Walter Jones, Tomos Theophilus

**Also present** : PCSO Nia Humphrys , Mr Doug Taylor and Mr Dafydd Tomos representing CCBP and Mrs P Ann Jones (Clerk)

**Apologies for absence** : Councillors Aled Edwards , Moira Davies and Christopher Jones.

### **Presentations :**

- **Policing matters** : PCSO Nia Humphrys was welcomed in her new role and gave an update on policing in the area .The new OWL scheme was promoted – Public urged to sign up to the scheme. Details are displayed on local Notice Boards, on the Cilycwm website or from the Clerk.
- **Broadband Project** : Mr Doug Taylor gave a presentation re the Broadband ‘Community Refund’ which had been agreed as part of the Contract with ResqIT and Telecoms . In an attempt to devise a suitable method of paying the annual Broadband Community Broadband refund (about £475 for each community) some unforeseen issues had arisen. These were explained clearly by Mr Taylor and after careful consideration, it was resolved that the refund should be reinvested in the scheme in order to increase minimum speed from 4.5Mbps to 10Mbps. It was felt that this would be of real benefit to subscribers and would help sustain the service into the future. It would also offer a competitive service to prospective and existing subscribers.

**Declarations of interest** Councillor Arwel Davies (Broadband Project)

**Minutes** of the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 had been circulated to the Councillors. These were proposed, seconded and approved as a correct record.

### **Matters arising from the Minutes:**

#### **Correspondence**

1. Marie Curie; CYFC - Letters of thanks for. S137 donations received and noted
2. Boundary commission - Newsletter on consultation process received and discussed.
3. Consultation on Local Government (Democracy Wales) Bill - Details received and noted. Consultation Response Form calling for evidence on a variety of issues surrounding the proposed legislation received and noted.
4. Training - Update on Training programmes received and discussed. Code of Conduct Training sessions arranged by Carmarthenshire County Council in February - Clerk to attend.
5. Cllr. Jim Jones (Dog Fouling issues) - Response received from Cllr Jim Jones who will visit the area on 30<sup>th</sup> January with officers from the Enforcement Team. Cllr Theophilus and Clerk to attend.
6. Noise Complaints - Information regarding noise complaint procedures received and noted.
7. One Voice Wales- Details of Area committee received and noted.
8. HOW - Newsletter ; HOWLTA Constitution and Rules etc received and noted.

9. Marine conservation zones - Next steps following consultation (Task and finish Team) - Details received and noted.
  10. Sustainable development – Sustainable Development Bill Bulletin & Events programme received and noted.
  11. Silk commission – Publication of Commission on Devolution in Wales (re Oral evidence on Financial devolution) Received and noted.
  12. Housing benefit - The impact of changes to housing benefit in Wales (Call for evidence invited from individuals and interested parties) Received and noted.
  13. Climate change – Invitation to complete Climate Change Adaptation survey. Received and noted.
  14. Llandoverly Partnership - Invitation to join Stakeholders Workshop / Community Regeneration Event held on 10/ 11Dec 2012. Received and discussed.
  15. Keep Wales Tidy - Annual Review for 2011/12 (online) Received and noted. Feedback invited.
  16. Volunteer responders - Details of re launch of the Volunteer Responder system for Policy consultations. Received and noted.
  17. CAVS - Update on Links to news items on CAVS website. Received and noted.
  18. Remuneration panel - Notice of publication of Panel for Wales Annual Report December 2012 to be implemented in the financial year 2013/14. (Online ) Determinations re discretionary payments and other expenses noted.
  19. Royal Garden parties – Details for an invitation for the Council Chair to attend a Royal Garden Party received and noted.
  20. Water consumers' Council – Nominations invited for Local Consumer Advocate to CCWater's Wales Committee. Received and noted.
  21. Substance Misuse Panel - Invitation for Nomination of Members to serve on Advisory Panel. Received and noted.
  22. Career Choices – Appointment of Chair – Details of application to this post received and noted.
  23. Strong roots – Details of Green Futures Training Programme. Received and noted.
  24. Sports Awards – Invitation to attend the Carmarthenshire Sports Personality Awards Ceremony on 23 January. Received and noted.
  25. Funding update – Details of Latest funding news' for environmental Projects in Wales. Received and noted.
  26. Planning policy - For information - Details of recently externally published article circulated for the information of Councils (forwarded by OVW) Received and discussed.
  27. Non residential services - Poster for display re Public consultation exercise.
  28. Rural Communities – Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 - Presentation notes / Guidance for Community Councils. Received and noted.
  29. World War1 Commemoration – Details of Events to plan the Commemoration of the First World War - Received and discussed.
- Various Other Newsletters and Circulars were made available to Councillors

## **Financial matters**

- **Request for financial support**

*The following requests were received and considered :*

*Cae Chwarae Cilycwm Playing Field; Menter Bro Dinefwr; Bobath; Urdd Eisteddfod - Pembs 2013;*

*It was resolved that the Council (in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the L.G.A. 1972) , should incur the following expenditure which in the opinion of the Cilycwm Community Council , is in the interest of the area and its inhabitants , and would be beneficial in a manner commensurate with the expenditure :*

*Cae Chwarae Cilycwm Playing field - £600*

*Notice received : Limits to S137 Donations for 2013/14 under L.G.A.1972 is £6.98 .*

- **Confirmation of Payments:**
  - Chq 478 Marie Curie Cancer Care - £50*
  - Chq 479 CFFI Sir Gar /YFC - £50*
  - Chq 480 HMRC (1/10/12 -31/12/12) - £90*
- **Bills to pay :**
  - The following payments were authorised:*
  - Clerk's net salary (1/10/12 – 31/12/12) £360*
  - Cae Chwarae Cilycwm - £600 (S137)*
  - Footway Lighting (Invoice awaited)*
- **Receipts : Precept - £1500**
- **Clerk gave a Presentation of Current Financial report and Bank Reconciliation, together with Yearly Summary of Income and expenditure.**

**Precept 2013/14**

The yearly task of choosing a Precept for the coming year was discussed following the Guidelines issued .The Clerk presented a Worksheet noting Bank Balances together with a summary of Income and Expenditure figures over previous years. Using this information the Councillors gave consideration to budgetary needs for the coming year and to ensure that reserves were adequate. A Precept requirement at £5000 was agreed. This would be the first rise in many years to take account of increased administrative costs etc.

**Re appointment of Clerk:**

Having completed a three year term, Councillors discussed the re appointment of the Clerk and terms of employment for the forthcoming year beginning 1st January 2013.

The Clerk thanked Councillors for their support and confidence and agreed to continue in post. The salary was discussed and agreed at £1800 gross (£1440 net pay, plus £360 Paye)

**Community Associations :**

Cilycwm : Reports of the AGM held on 12 December were presented and discussed .

Rhandirmwyn : Update of Forthcoming events etc. Received and noted.

**Planning matters:**

*The following Planning applications were received from Carmarthenshire County Council*

- E/26232 - Detached Dwelling on land adjacent to The Vicarage, Cilycwm (*Granted*)
- Waun Croiddur , Cilycwm - Notice and details re Section 78 Appeal (Ref. APP 1042 / E/26697)

**Next meeting : Agreed that the March meeting will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013**